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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 1487

FROM USDEL

E. O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT: UNSC MEETING -- CANAL RESOLUTION

1. SCALI, ACCOMPANIED BY BENNETT, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER TACK IN HIS OFFICE AT THE LEGISLATIVE PALACE ADJACENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LATE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 19 TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION WITH HIM. SCALI SAID WE NOW HAD OUR INSTRUCTIONS. WE WOULD PREFER NO RESOLUTION AT ALL. TACK REPLIED HE WAS AWARE THAT WAS OUR PREFERENCE, BUT INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE A RESOLUTION.

2. SCALI THEN WENT TO FALL- BACK POSITION AFTER STATING WE ON BASIC MATTER OF PRINCIPLE UNABLE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION WITH WIDE- RANDING PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE. THIS WAS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE AND WOULD BE APPLIED BY U. S. ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT WAS NOT KEYED TO PANAMA ISSUE. U. S. NOT PREPARED TO HAVE SC DICTATE OR COMMENT ON MATTERS IN ON- GOING NEGOTIATION. WE COULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND SIMPLE RESOLUTION URGING PARTIES TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS OUR CONSISTENT POSITION FROM FIRST PROPOSAL OF  
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PANAMA MEETING. THERE COULD BE REFERENCE TO 1964 DECLARATION BY TWO GOVERNMENTS AND SUITABLE PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE ACKNOWLEDGING PANAMA SC MEETING AND PURPOSES OF UN TO PROMOTE SETTLEMENT. WE THOUGHT IT BETTER NOT TO SHOW ACTUAL LANGUAGE TO TACK AT THIS STAGE LESS IT BECOME NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT.

3. SCALI EXPLAINED TO TACK WE WERE USING HIS LANGUAGE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OF WORD " CONTINUE" WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATIONS. TACK HAD PUT EMPHASIS ON THAT IN MORNING MEETING. WE BELIEVED THIS PROPOSAL OFFERED REASONABLE RESOLUTION WHICH TOOK ACCOUNT OF PANAMA'S DESIRE TO HAVE SC ACTION. PANAMA HAD ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE IN FOCUSING WORLD ATTENTION ON CANAL ISSUE. AGREEMENT ON THIS RESOLUTION WOULD MEAN POSITIVE RESULT FOR SC MEETING AND WOULD ESTABLISH HARMONIOUS BASE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SCALI REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS WITH TORRIJOS AND TACK THAT U. S. PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS IN A GENEROUS SPIRIT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN ACCORD WITH PANAMANIAN WISHES. IF PANAMA AND WORLD PRESS WISH TO PLAY UP SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF RESOLUTION AT SC MEETING SPONSORED BY PANAMA AS VICTORY FOR PANAMA, U. S. COULD LIVE WITH THAT INTERPRETATION. WE WANTED TO GET ON WITH MUTUAL BUSINESS.

4. MEETING WAS ENTIRELY CORDIAL AND TACK TOOK NEWS WITHOUT SHOWING EMOTION. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO GENERAL TORRIJOS AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US. HE SAID THAT WE HAD TO BEAR IN MIND THAT PANAMA HAD A PROBLEM WITH ITS PUBLIC OPINION AND THAT GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO SHOW POSITIVE RESULTS. WE SUGGESTED THAT RESOLUTION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY U. S. COULD BE PRESENTED AS POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT AND COULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION. HE REPEATED HE WOULD REPORT TO THE GENERAL.  
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